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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DISSENSION IN GOA FEDERAL POLICE

1. A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL POLICE STAFF (WHOSE RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN) ADVISED THE RSO'S OFFICE ON JAN 22 OF THE FOLLOWING: LOPEZ REGA WAS IN BUENOS AIRES WEDNESDAY JAN 22 HAVING TRAVELED FROM CHAPADMALAL WHERE HE IS PRESENTLY VACATIONING, TO SPEAK TO MARGARIDE, FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF. ONE REASON GIVEN FOR HIS RETURN WAS TO CONVINCE MARGARIDE THAT HE SHOULD NOT TENDER HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE FEDERAL POLICE.

2. APPARENTLY MARGARIDE IS PLANNING TO RESIGN AND LEAVE FOR THE US WITH HIS SON. THE REASON FOR HIS RESIGNATION IS THE MALCONTENT AND HOSTILITY THAT MARGARIDE IS PRESENTLY ENCOUNTERING THROUGHOUT THE POLICE FORCE. PART OF THE PRESSURE IS SUPPOSEDLY BEING FELT FROM GARCIA REY, FORMER FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF IN CORDOBA, WHO HAS BEEN RATHER INDIGNANT TOWARD MARGARIDE, SINCE MARGARDIE ORDERED ALL FEDERAL POLICE FORCES IN CORDOBA TO RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES. HOWEVER THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO. MARGARIDE ORDERED THEIR RETURN AFTER AN ERP MEMBER DURING THE COURSE OF QUESTIONING ADVISED THAT A FEDERAL POLICE OFFICER, ON THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL FOR CORDOBA INTERVENTOR LACABANNE, IS AN ERP CONTACT AND SYMPATHIZER. GARCIA REY IS A STRONG MAN WITHIN POLICE CIRCLES AND HIS INDIGNATION JOINED WITH THAT OF FEDERAL POLICE IN GENERAL HAS EVIDENTLY PERSUADED MARGARIDE

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TO RESIGN.

3. OVER FEDERAL POLICE RADIO FREQUENCIES, INSULTS ARE PERIODICALLY DIRECTED TOWARD MARGARIDE AND ADMONITIONS TO RESIGN ARE VOICED. THIS HAS ALSO UPSET THE POLICE CHIEF CONSIDERABLY, ESPECIALLY SINCE NO MEANS ARE AVAILABLE TO IDENTIFY THE "CULPRITS". IT SEEMS TO BE GENERALLY FELT THAT IF MARGARIDE DOES LEAVE, THAT ROSSI WILL POSSIBLY ASSUME DIRECTION OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE. OTHER SOURCES HAVE RELATED THAT POSSIBLY GARCIA REY MAY BECOME POLICE CHIEF. DESPITE THE ABOVE, RSO BECKETT SPENT ONE HOUR WITH MARGARIDE TODAY AND EVIDENCED NO SIGN OF EARLY DEPARTURE FOR US OR HIS RESIGNATION.
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